

[10 August, 2000]

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A Government servant is not required to submit any annual return in respect of movable property. However, every Government servant is required to report on his transactions in movable property where its value exceeds Rs. 15,000/- (in the case of Group 'A' or Group 'B' Officers) Or Rs. 10,000 (for Group 'C' and Group *D* Officials) and immovable property (without any monetary limits) in the prescribed form which contains a declaration that the particulars given are true.

Disciplinary action under the disciplinary rules can be taken against a Government servant who fails to submit the return/report in time or for furnishing wrong information. Hence, there is no need of filing any affidavit in the matter.

(b) The property returns/reports are to be maintained by the prescribed authorities in the administrative ministry/department/ offices, after such scrutiny as may be considered necessary. Such information is not centrally monitored.

Permission to form Association under Trade Union Act

*275. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers of the various Public Sector Undertakings under Government are permitted to form associations under the Trade Union Act;

(b) if so, the names of such associations formed in the various Public Sector Undertakings till date and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any alternative forum is available to the officers of the various Public Sector Undertakings where they can raise their service complaints; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN

JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not known if the associations have been registered under the Trade Unions Act, 1926 as the powers of registration of trade unions have been delegated under this Act to the State Governments for appointment of Registrars who have been vested with the powers to register a trade union.

(c) and (d) It has been reported that public sector officers have formed an association in the name of National Confederation of Officers' Association (NCOA) representing the entire Central Government public sector enterprises. The Department of Public

Enterprises (DPE) however, do not have any information as to whether the association is a recognised body. However, for all important matters concerning all the public sector enterprises which have national consequences, the DPE has discussions with the representatives of the above mentioned Association on request of the Association.

**Review of cost of wheat and rice by Expenditure Reforms
Commission**

†*276. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the economic cost of wheat and rice calculated by Food Corporation of India was reviewed by the Expenditure Reforms Commission;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Commission has found a big difference in their earlier estimated economic costs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reasons for the said differences?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (e) The Expenditure Reforms Commission reviewed the methodology of allocation of distribution cost between stocks maintained by the Food Corporation of India for distribution through Public Distribution System and buffer stocks. The Commission has made three important changes in the methodology:

- (i) At present, only, the annual accretion to the buffer stocks is reckoned for allocation of transportation cost. However, considering that it would be necessary for Government to rotate the stocks held as buffer stocks over a two to three year period in the interest of maintaining quality, the Commission has

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